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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD OF TONE REPRODUCTION WITH HALFTONE DOTS, APPARATUS FOR
OUTPUTTING HALFTONE PLATE, HALFTONE PLATE, AND PRINTED
MATERIAL

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please consider the remarks
as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed on February 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests
entry of this Supplemental Response.

On page 8, first paragraph, of the previously filed Amendment, it was noted that
"Furthermore Curry exemplifies that the dots transform to a square or rhomboidal shape only at
an intermediate percentage. Therefore, the does do not have a *circular* shape in percentage areas
before and after the intermediate percentage." (emphasis supplied). To clarify the point,
Applicant further submits that Curry exemplifies that the dots transform to a square or